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COORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/C.7/1991/L.12

The Committee on Natural Resources recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Coordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind section I of General Assembly resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 on the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, in particular, programme 19 thereof on natural resources,

Recalling its resolutions 1987/13 of 26 May 1987 and 1989/12 of 22 May 1989, on coordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources,

Convinced of the need to increase the effectiveness and relevance of the work of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources,

Stressing the crucial role of natural resources for economic growth and development, particularly that of the developing countries,

Welcoming the enhanced coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources, particularly in water resources,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in water, mineral and energy resources; 1/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its thirteenth session an updated report containing an overview of the activities of the United Nations system in water, mineral and energy resources, identifying the organizations or units within the United Nations system mandated to carry out work in those fields and assessing the extent to which the guidelines provided by the Committee have been followed;

3. Welcomes with appreciation the coordination mechanisms on water and sanitation issues, including the Inter-Agency Steering Committee for Water Supply and Sanitation, the Inter-Secretariat Group for Water Resources of the Administrative Committee for Coordination and the Collaborative Council for Water and Sanitation;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to include in his annual report, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1992, a section on the most effective ways and means of enhancing coordination in the mineral and energy sectors;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to prepare a compilation of the relevant decisions emanating from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the area of natural resources for priority consideration by the Committee on Natural Resources at its thirteenth session.

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